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**Testimony of Senator Rob Sampson**  
**Government Administration & Elections Committee**  
**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Senate Bill No. 430: AN ACT FUNDING THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.**

Co-Chairs Flexer and Fox, Ranking Members Sampson and Mastrofrancesco, and esteemed member of the GAE Committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 430.

After several years of proposing similar bill proposals, I appreciate this committee for drafting this bill and I'm happy to see that the Governor has included a similar proposal in his state budget package. This proposal seeks to reduce the number of violent gun related crimes in our state by focusing on the primary source of such crime - illegal guns, particularly handguns, in our major cities trafficked and used by gangs and career criminals. This is a far more effective use of government resources than the typical ineffective, and often unconstitutional restrictions on law abiding gun owners.

Thank you to the committee for your consideration of this legislation and please feel free to reach out to my office with any questions of concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Sampson".

State Senator Rob Sampson  
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